

**Basingstoke Transition Network**  
**Meeting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021, 7.00 pm by Zoom**

**Present:** Arun Mummalaneni (AM), Miranda Chubb (MC), Colin Andrews (CA), Bob Clifford (BC), Malcolm MacInnes (MM), Martin Heath (MH), Martin Biermann (MB, chair), Paul Beevers (PB), Sarah Warriss-Simmons (SW-S), Sheila Peacock (SP);

**Apologies:** Lucy Jones (LJ), Paul Harvey (PH), Gillian Brown (GB)

**1. Minutes of meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

Agreed with correction of minute 8, “petitions” to “questions” and “relevant to BDBC responsibilities” after “subject”.

**2. Matters arising from the minutes**

Item 3 of October meeting – Green Directory was on BDBC website but contained very few entries;

Item 12C – Sam Taylor at BDBC to be asked about Greening Campaign – SP still to do

**Action – SP.**

Item 7 of October meeting – those of us who attended Council meetings on 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December were allowed to be seen by Councillors as well as heard. Sound quality of Cllr. Eachus’ response to our questions was poor and she promised a written response.

**Action – SP** to chase.

**3. Treasurer** – Colin Andrews offered to be BTN treasurer and was unanimously voted in.

**Action – SP** to send details and arrange for signatory form to be set up.

**4. Attendance at Council meetings and contacts with Council**

Unless we apply to speak at a Council meeting and hence join it by Zoom, Councillors do not know that we are watching (YouTube does not convey this). So we should try to attend where the agenda includes worthwhile items; but also step up engagement with individual Councillors and Council officers:

(a) A list of useful contacts would be helpful – sympathetic Councillors, Cabinet members, Council officers with specific responsibilities – **Action – MB** to draw one up;

(b) We will arrange a meeting with the new Council Chief Executive Officer, Kevin O’Keefe, who according to the local press has been appointed with particular reference to enacting the Council’s Climate Emergency declaration. **Action – SP** to email him proposing a meeting.

**5. Schools Solar**

MH on behalf of Basingstoke Energy Services Co-op has worked with Cranborne Schools to submit a preliminary grant application for heating the swimming pool with solar; deadline 11<sup>th</sup> January; and with King’s Furlong school to create a decarbonisation plan, for which a grant application is also to be submitted towards solar panels and a heat pump (£40-50k).

**6. May 2021 local election hustings**

AM will introduce SP and MB to his friend who has access to and skill with Zoom Webinars; also to the Salvation Army lieutenant who runs Zoom services for Basingstoke.

**Action – AM.** We assume that the hustings will have to be entirely online but if there is a chance of a “hybrid” event then it might be held at Christ Church, Chineham.

**NOTE** No further details of the hustings were discussed on this occasion. AM and PH have a conflict of interest since both are standing for election, and they will both be asked to absent themselves from discussion of the details of the event at future meetings.

### **7. Manydown meeting with Urban & Civic on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

MH, MC, PB, MM and MB who were present contributed their views on it. It was useful but superficial: a future meeting will have to get down to harder material. U&C say they are open to co-ordination with local community but they did not sound so keen on incorporating Passivhaus into the “Manydown Standard” (details of which we have yet to see despite their agreeing to send these), and we want to be sure that they will pay more than lip service to the standard. They did sound keen on installing heat pumps rather than gas heating, and made a commitment to planning cycle and footpaths first rather than as an afterthought. Since U&C now belongs to the Wellcome Trust we wondered whether we should engage directly with the Trust. At the next meeting we hope to press them on Passivhaus, and so we will send to U&C a copy of MC’s paper on this, with copies to those Councillors on the Manydown Overview Committee who expressed support for a Passivhaus standard. We will also send MH and Andy Molloy’s paper from the early days of Manydown (MH will update it). **Action – MC, MH** to send these documents to U&C and copies to Councillors.

We also agreed to contact Boulter Mossman environmental consultants, a firm being used by U&C, specifically Paul Ciniglio who is engaged on the project, offering to meet. **Action – SP.**

### **8. Council annual Air Pollution report and Basingstoke Clean Air Campaign (BCAC)**

We haven’t had time to respond to the most recent Air Pollution report, though we note that air pollution in the Borough has worsened slightly, and the Gazette did an excellent article despite missing MH when they tried to call him. Agreed SP to contact BCAC members asking if they could respond. **Action – SP.**

### **9. Outreach and publicity**

#### **Agreed:**

- (a) AM to have access to BTN website and to remove out-of-date material. **Action – MH** to give AM a user ID and password (and remove Rob Score’s); **AM.**
- (b) AM, MC and SW-S to add material to Facebook page and everyone to provide material and to “like” and comment on Facebook articles. **Action – ALL; AM, MC, SW-S; MH** to set up permissions. Relevant items can be shared on the BCAC Facebook page;
- (c) CA pointed out that it would be good to have items on the website about the recent meeting with U&C and on air pollution, but someone has to write them...
- (d) Importance of continuing to engage local press – Gazette, Observer and community magazines – was emphasised. MC writes regularly for Chineham Chat and offers to include link to BTN website (after it has been updated!) and/or Facebook page;
- (e) BC will send details of CafeSci online presentations on relevant subjects (climate change, air pollution and so on) to AM and others with access to Facebook/Website so that we can promote these and use them as hooks to interest people in local applications – **Action – BC, AM.**
- (f) BC is preparing a website for use as a data exchange by CafeSci nationally and could offer an area on it to BTN for promotion related to CafeSci subjects. **Action – BC.**

### **10. Hampshire Green Transport Network**

MB attended a meeting of this and was invited to join the steering committee but thinks he hasn't time. MM offered to put him in touch with a friend who is keen to get involved.

**Action – MM.**

#### **11. Hampshire Climate Action Network**

Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January – CA, MC and AM, who are not currently on HCAN's mailing list, offered to attend, so SP will send their addresses on. MM and MH hope to attend. SP can't make it. **Action – SP.**

#### **12. Council motor vehicle policy for 2030 cutoff of petrol/diesel cars**

AM raised this and we agreed we should discuss it at a future meeting. Planned provision for electric vehicles is inadequate.

The meeting closed at 8:40 pm.

Next meeting – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021, 7.00 pm by Zoom.